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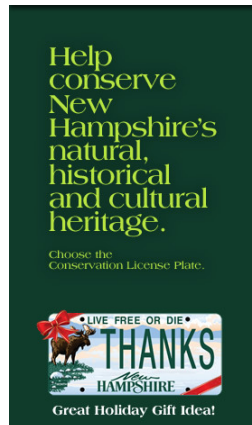
Put a Moose (Plate) to Work for New Hampshire's Special Places



Here's a holiday present that is always the right color, size,
and style -- **Conservation License Plates (Moose Plates)**
are gifts that keep on giving -- both to recipients and to New
Hampshire's heritage and quality of life.

You can even purchase gift certificates online.

Visit the [Moose Plate web site](#) to learn
more about the Moose Plate program
and its success stories. All funds raised
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[Click here for DHR Economic Recovery program information.](#)



[Click here for information about Moose Plates and Moose Plate grants.](#)

[Click here to visit the DHR grants page.](#)

Sock Hop at the Department of Cultural Resources *[Elaine P. Loft](#), Program Assistant*

In the spirit of holiday giving, the Department of Cultural Resources decided to collect warm, winter socks for the residents of the Edna McKenna House, a shelter located on South Fruit Street in Concord.



Photo by Peter Michaud, NH DHR.

As the shelter noted, "We looked at our inventory of warm winter clothing and found that it has been depleted over the past year. Most of our residents need to walk everywhere: to jobs, job interviews, doctors' appointments. We know we can count on the Concord community to once again open their hearts to the Concord residents who are most in need."

The Department of Cultural Resources, which includes the Division of Historical Resources, State Library, State Film Office and the State Arts Council, donated 127 pair of socks, which were gratefully received by the Edna McKenna House. The donations coordinator said "socks are the #1 item on the wish list of every resident."

Thank you to all members of the Department, and several independent consultants, who joined in such a worthy cause.

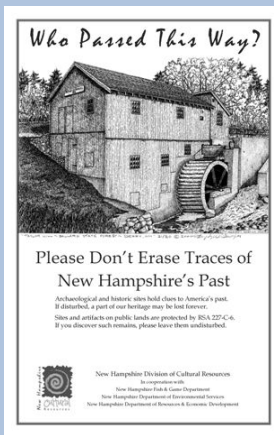
Editor's note: Elaine Loft proposed and coordinated the DHR sock collection. Thanks, Elaine!

Santa's Helpers at the DHR



L to R: Mary Kate Ryan, Deborah Gagne, Christina St. Louis, and Nadine Peterson (DHR photo)

For 50 years, the State Employees' Association has sponsored



[Click here to read or download the poster.](#)



This poster can be used for non-State-owned properties. [Download it here.](#)

"It matters how we build our communities and how we preserve them. Being thoughtful stewards of these places is hard work. But it is a job worth doing. We are not just hanging onto yesterday; we are building tomorrow."

Stephanie Meeks
President, National Trust for Historic Preservation, in *The Austin Statesman*, October 26, 2010

"As components of the human habitat, cultural resources ARE natural resources."

David Crosson
America's Great Outdoors online forum, June 2010.

[Click here to go to the forum, read comments, and share your ideas.](#)

Operation Santa Claus, to make sure the New Hampshire children and young people with the greatest needs have a better Christmas and special holiday presents.

Thanks to Mary Kate Ryan's organizing abilities, generous donations from all of the DHR staff members, and thoughtful shopping (with assistance from DHR's savvy teens) we were able to assist five children in two families. Last year we sponsored three children, and the year before, two.

The final wrap-up took place in the DHR conference room around the conference table, piled high with enticing packages.



The Grand Finale
L to R: Mary Kate, Deb, Chris, and Nadine
(DHR photo)

At the DHR's annual holiday lunch, Elizabeth Muzzey, DHR Director and State Historic Preservation Officer, presented a Santa hat and star ornament to Mary Kate as colorful tokens of our appreciation.

Cantastic Collection!



State employees in ten state agencies have gathered more than 10,000 food items and non-perishable supplies for the NH Food Bank. The collection was so large that it needed two NH Department of Transportation dump trucks to take the role of Santa's sleigh. The Department of Cultural Resources contributed 151 items as well as \$525 in cash donations.

[Click here to see a video from WMUR Channel 9 of the delivery to the NH Food Bank.](#)

REMINDER -- Plymouth State University Online Historic Preservation Course Begins January 7, 2011
[Shelly Angers](#), Communications Coordinator, NH Department of Cultural Resources

"The Rural Cultural Environment: Architecture and Landscape" will be taught entirely online from January 7 through February 17, 2011. Two self-directed field trips are also required. Benoni Amsden, Ph.D., a research assistant professor who is dually appointed to the Department of Social Science and PSU's Center for Rural Partnerships, will teach the three-credit graduate course. [Click here to learn more about the Certificate in Historic Preservation program.](#)

Courses are also open to non-degree students who wish

to learn more about historic preservation. For more information, contact Dr. Stacey Yap, Program Coordinator, by [email](#) or by telephone at 603-535-2333.

Please share this information with your networks!

State Preservation Plan Progress Report

[Elizabeth H. Muzzey](#), DHR Director & State Historic Preservation Officer

The draft *NH Preservation Plan 2010-2015* has been submitted to the National Park Service for review and approval. The DHR expects to hear back from the Park Service in late December. Once the plan is approved it will be posted online. Hearing from so many people from across the state has been the highlight for the DHR while assembling this plan. Thanks so much for your assistance and for all of your aspiring stories about preserving and promoting historical and archaeological resources in New Hampshire.

News from the New Hampshire State Register of Historic Places

[Mary Kate Ryan](#), State Survey Coordinator, NH DHR

[Shelly Angers](#), Communications Coordinator, Department of Cultural Resources

248 properties are now listed in the New Hampshire State Register of Historic Places. State Register designation can benefit historic properties in a number of ways, including:

- Public recognition that a property is significant to a community.
- Consideration and advocacy in the planning of local and state funded or otherwise assisted projects.
- Qualification for state financial assistance for preservation projects, when funds are available.
- Special consideration or relief in the application of some access, building and safety code regulations.
- A complimentary one-year membership to the New Hampshire Preservation Alliance.



To learn more about the program and how to nominate places to the State Register properties, [visit the DHR's State Register web site](#).

Moose Plate Grant News

[Deborah J. Gagne](#), Grants Coordinator, NH DHR



The New Hampshire Department of Cultural Resources offers several Conservation License Plate grant programs -- also called "[Moose Plate](#)" grants -- through its three divisions: the New Hampshire Division of Historical Resources, the New Hampshire State Council on the Arts and the New Hampshire State Library. While the funding provided by each division has specific requirements, all focus on awarding grants to projects that involve restoration, preservation or conservation of publicly-owned items significant to New Hampshire's cultural heritage.

"One of the easiest ways to support New Hampshire's natural, historical and cultural heritage is by having a Conservation License Plate on your vehicle," says Department of Cultural Resources Commissioner Van McLeod. "It's just as easy as having the standard 'Old Man' plate, but it accomplishes more. Some people don't realize it, but the money raised through 'Moose Plate' sales goes directly to the promotion, protection and investment in New Hampshire's natural, cultural and historic resources."

The DHR will distribute application information for its Moose Plate grant round in January 2011. Watch the [DHR grants web page](#) for news.

News from the Project Archaeology Blog



Currently, the [New Hampshire Project Archaeology blog](#) features a well-written piece on why teachers should *not* take their students out on a dig. "Teachers: Call Before You Dig!" is part of the Florida Public Archaeology Network's blog, "[The Dirt on Public Archaeology](#)."

New Hampshire Teachers: If you are interested in having your students partake in an archaeological excavation, be sure to involve a professional archaeologist. Please call the DHR at 603-271-6568 or contact the [NH Archeological Society](#) for assistance. In addition, there are a number of archaeology field schools that take place all around New Hampshire, including ones through [SCRAP](#) and [Strawbery Banke Museum](#).

A Salute to the DHR's New Flagpole

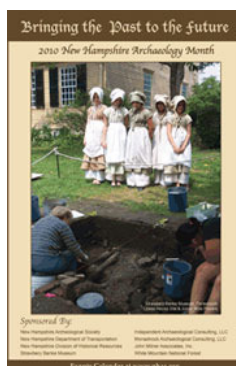
The DHR's fiberglass flagpole toppled over this fall. To replace it, the state General Services agency ordered a strong new stainless steel pole. The new flagpole arrived just before the ground froze and was installed by Jutras Signs of Bedford, New Hampshire. The pole is illuminated 24 hours a day, to the great relief of not-so-tall staff members. When our *de facto* flag monitor Jim Garvin was away, five-foot-tall DHRers found it challenging to maintain flag etiquette while lowering the six-foot flags in a brisk wind.



Courtesy photo from Chris Joyce
of Jutras Signs

[Click here to learn more about U.S. flag etiquette.](#)

Chronicling Archaeology at Strawberry Banke Museum in Portsmouth



Sheila Charles, [co-coordinator of New Hampshire Project Archaeology](#), was featured recently on the WMUR (Channel 9) "Chronicle" program. [Click here to watch and listen to the story](#), which focused on the Summer 2010 field school at Strawberry Banke. To learn more about the field school, [visit the Strawberry Banke museum web site](#). Be sure to bookmark the site for announcements of the 2011 field school.

Have You Hugged Your School Today?

As reported in *Foster's Daily Democrat* on December 1, 2010, the Mast Way School in Lee, New Hampshire, got a big hug for its 50th birthday.

"Students, teachers and faculty both past and present gathered in the halls of their beloved school on Tuesday, linking hands and singing "Happy Birthday" in acknowledgment of the school's 50th birthday.

The school was built in November 1960.

And to commemorate this "golden" event the more than 300 students at Mast Way gathered in the school's gymnasium to learn a little bit about the history of the place they go to learn each day as well as give the school a great big hug."

This is a delightful example of connecting students with history and historic preservation. Are there buildings in your community that need a big hug and a day to share their stories?

[Read the entire story here.](#)

Online Collections Care Courses from Museumwise

[Deborah J. Gagne](#), Grants Coordinator, NH DHR

Museumwise is offering a slate of Collections Care and Preservation Online courses that provide basic, practical training at a low fee (starting at \$65). These four-week courses are designed for staff, volunteers, board members and interns at small to mid-sized museums. Courses can be taken at one's own pace, with 1-2 hours of work time per week to be completed at your convenience. The courses also offer interaction with qualified instructors, and assignments are based on your own collections. Starting January 31, 2011, the courses are:

- Introduction to Reformatting
- Climate Control for Small Institutions
- Conservation and Preservation of Photographs and Albums
- Basic Preservation, Care & Handling of Paper Based Materials

For more information on these courses, [visit the Museumwise web site](#) and "[Museums in Conversation](#)," the 2011 conference site.

Resources for Preservation Careers at Your Fingertips

Adapted from an article by [Priya Chhaya](#)

National Trust for Historic Preservation, in *PreservationNation Online News*

The National Trust for Historic Preservation's [web site at PreservationNation](#) hosts the [Preservation Career Center](#), a jobs board and resource center dedicated to helping preservationists pursue their passion. We recently discovered HISTPRES, a web site and resume review business founded by Meagan Baco and Laura Burghardt that focuses on finding jobs in historic preservation for young professionals and those new to the preservation field.

You can learn more about [HISTPRES at its web site](#). For additional job listings visit the [Preservation Career Center](#). Study "[10 Ways to Gain Experience in Preservation](#)" and check out the latest "[Profiles in Preservation](#)" and "[Professions in Preservation](#)," which highlight people who work as architectural historians and preservation specialists.

Expanding upon the popular Historic Properties section in *Preservation* magazine and structured like an online classifieds site, **Historic Properties for Sale** features commercial and residential listings for buildings more than 50 years old or historically significant. Buyers, sellers and browsers alike will find the new resource flexible and easy to use.



Whether you are a buyer, seller, or browser, this is the place to look. [Click here to visit the site](#) and start browsing.

Come See Us at the 2011 New Hampshire Farm and Forest Expo!



Mark your calendars now! Following our long-standing tradition, the DHR will share a booth with the NH Historic Agricultural Structures Advisory Committee (a/k/a "The Barn Committee") and the NH Preservation Alliance at the annual [New Hampshire Farm & Forest Exposition](#). The Expo is scheduled for Friday and Saturday, February 4-5, 2011 at the Radisson Center of New Hampshire in Manchester. The Barn Committee, DHR and the NH Preservation Alliance invite you to join others who own or love old barns to share advice on barn repair and maintenance at "Love Your Old Barn? You Are Not Alone." Master stone mason and author Kevin Gardner will lead the workshop.

[Bookmark the Farm & Forest online brochure](#) to be sure you don't miss any of the Expo events and workshops.

Save These Dates

For information about other historic preservation programs and activities on the horizon, visit the [NH Preservation Alliance "Events" web site](#), the [Association of Historical Societies of New Hampshire E-ssociate](#), and the "history" section of [nh365.org](#). Also visit [PreservationDirectory.com](#), a national portal with links to a wide and expanding range of preservation events, sources, and resources.

[Staff members](#) of the New Hampshire Division of Historical Resources have prepared this newsletter.

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